

UniFire

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*We celebrate community and
promote spirituality,
justice, responsibility,
and compassion.*

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UUCY SUNDAY SERVICES ~ Join Us at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 6th

First Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 13th

Blossoms & Brunch:

Flower Communion & Mother's Day Salad Potluck

Sunday Services will include our popular annual Flower Communion, as well as special music performed by a live string trio. Please bring a flower to share in the annual celebration of the UU Flower Communion. You'll leave a changed person! After services, stay and enjoy a lovely brunch at the Mother's Day Salad Potluck immediately following.

Greeter: Liz Angland Host: Mother's Day Salad Potluck

Sunday, May 20th

House of Celebration and Sharing

This morning Rev. Jones holds up the two remaining elements of our Health Relations Covenant: That we celebrate spiritual growth and share the ministry.

Greeter: Emilee Solomon Host: Volunteer Needed

Sunday, May 27th

Intersectional Solidarity: Palestine, BLM, and Beyond

Speaker Salam Awad's talk will focus on research she conducted in Ramallah, Palestine which explored solidarity and alliance building between the Black Lives Matter movement and the struggle for liberation in Palestine. This discussion will focus on the importance of intersectional solidarity and fostering community and global relationships to achieve peace and justice worldwide.

Greeter: Cindy Lamb Host: Emilee Solomon

Greetings from Rev. Ken Jones (a.k.a. “Ken’s Ken.”)

As many of you know, last weekend I (as well as Susan Kaphammer) attended the Pacific Western Region of the UUA’s Regional Assembly in Portland. It was a fantastic experience, with lots of connections, learning, celebrating, and singing! These Regional Assemblies, which differ from our District Meetings in that they encompass the whole western US, happen only about once every five years.

Among all the great workshops and presentations, including one led by the new UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, was a great keynote by Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal from Seattle. Rep. Jayapal gave an impassioned speech, highlighting her appreciation for many Unitarian Universalists, who she believes embrace and advocate for many of the same issues as she. She spoke of her background before being elected to Congress, as a long-time advocate for inclusion and diversity, especially for traditionally marginalized people. It was one of those presentations in which there was a palpable energy and synergy between audience and speaker – we were clearly on the same page. In this era with so much divisiveness and hate in our popular discourse, it was refreshing and energizing to feel so much positive energy in this interplay.

As it happened, just a short while before I attended Rep. Jayapal’s keynote, I found out through email that I and two of my local interfaith colleagues were scheduled to attend a meeting the following Tuesday with our own local Representative in Congress, Dan Newhouse. Though I had not met Rep. Newhouse prior to that day, you could say I was skeptical that I’d feel anywhere near the level of rapport and shared values with him as I did with Rep. Jayapal. The meeting was set up to discuss possible cuts to the Food and Nutrition Programs in the upcoming Farm Bill (to argue against such cuts) and to express support for passing a compassionate and useful bill to fully implement the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals program.

So while I listened to and cheered Rep. Jayapal, I thought about what I would say or how I would express myself with one of her colleagues in the Washington delegation to the US Congress. The two of them are so different – she a fiery activist and first female Indian American elected to Congress, he a mild-mannered white male farmer from rural Washington. Yet they serve together our one nation and government.

Attending an assembly like the one in Portland and cheering on advocates like Rep. Jayapal is great fun and inspiring. Yet it is equally important – maybe more so – to be able to converse with other leaders with whom we may not agree. That’s true not just for leaders – it’s about engaging with our fellow citizens with whom we often feel at odds. In fact, that was one of the charges she gave us, as a gathering of mostly white, middle-class liberals: we must be willing to engage in these conversations about inclusion and diversity in our families and communities. That is the only way we can bring the era of white male supremacy to an end.

And thankfully, we have each other for support in doing this work.

In faith,

Ken

Rev. Ken Jones is a graduate of Starr King, and can be reached at 509-453-8448, or at minister@uucyakima.org. His office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 12 noon, and he is also available by appointment.

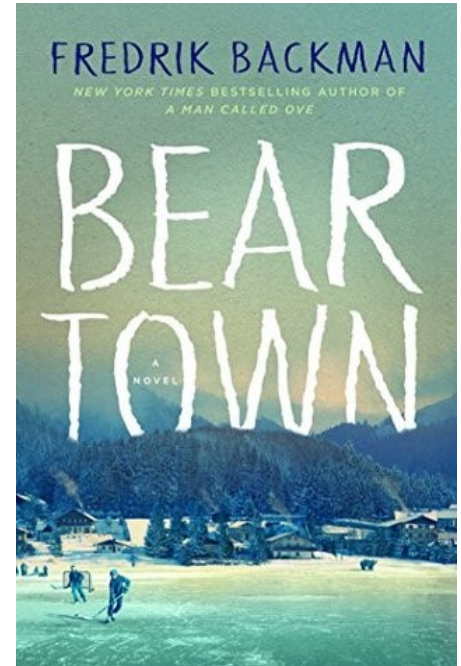
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UUCY Book Club

Join our informal, facilitated discussions at 6:00 PM at Taj Palace Restaurant, 2710 W Nob Hill Blvd, Yakima. Enjoy your choice of no-host beverages, appetizers, or full dinners while sharing your impression of the current book. Or just enjoy listening in if you haven't read the book. All are welcome!

July 10, 2018: Beartown by Fredrik Backman (fiction)

September 11, 2018: White Trash: The 400-year Untold History of Class in America by Nancy Isenberg (nonfiction)



Mark Your Calendar: Sunday, May 13th:

Blossoms & Brunch:

Mother's Day Flower Communion Celebration

Bring a flower to share at this annual service, and stay for the salad potluck immediately following!



Sunday, June 3rd:

UUCY'S ANNUAL MEETING!

Come for the pancakes, stay for the democratic process!

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Advance Planning Seminar

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Free (Reservations recommended)

Learn about your choices at the
end of life including Hospice, Washington's Death with Dignity
Law and other options

Discover the importance of communicating your medical wishes to your family, friends and physicians

With expert guidance, prepare a personalized advance medical directive and durable power of attorney to take home as you leave the seminar

Bring any and all questions ... we understand that talking about death is never easy. Your adult children may also like to attend.

For questions or reservations to this event, please call 509-453-8448 or email minister@uucyakima.org.

Walk-in guests are welcome on a space-available basis.
The seminar, speakers, and all documents are provided at no cost.